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All aboard for Champaign—Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

The vacation days are here, the gladdest and laziest of the year.

Oregon sounded a very pleasant keynote for the republicans. The rest of the orchestra will please get into tune.

Anxious Inquirer—Yes, there are other counties in Illinois besides Champaign, and a few in the 10th congressional district.

Russell Sage is opposed to vacations, but he might be willing to consent to a few days' lay-off for those newspaper writers who are constantly "featuring" him.

Frank Korn, of Mattoon, and Andrew J. Lester of Springfield, members of Gov. Yates' staff of Fourth of July colonels, are the latest to feel the keen edge of the ax. They toyed with Lowden.

Tuesday, June 14, is Shellabarger day. Fly day and the day the democratic state convention assemblies at Springfield. This is crowding matters somewhat, but there is room for all.

June 14 is flag day all over the United States. It was the day when congress adopted the stars and stripes, as our national ensign. This was June 14, 1777. Every citizen should display a flag on Tuesday.

Champaign promises to be courteous to the visiting statesmen on Tuesday. Of course they will. They have several candidates over who want votes. Auditor McCullough, Mrs. Busey and Senator Dunlap will see that their constituents are well treated. Mr. McKinley is also university trustee, his term not expired.

Chicago is constantly furnishing surprises and anomalies. The business men have raised a large fund to clean the down town streets. They imported a New York expert. When the work was ready to start they ran up against a snag. Teamsters refused to work for these private interests for the same prices as paid by the city. Usually the public pays more than the individual for everything. The explanation probably is that when they work for the business men they must work. When under city control they can "soldier." The result is that the effort to clean up Chicago by private enterprise has been temporarily suspended.

The democratic state convention meets at Springfield on Tuesday. Theodore Nelson, formerly of Decatur, but now of Chicago, and M. F. Dunlap of Jacksonville, will be the chief sponsors of the yellow presidential boom. Of course they know that Hearst can not be nominated and they do not care. They do, however, want to control the party machine and they were willing to give a harmless endorsement to the New York journalist in order to be able to run things at home. John P. Hopkins and his crowd want to continue at the head of the party. There is no particular concern about the places on the state ticket. These are not wanted except by a few men who seek a little notoriety. The real fight is over party control and that is bitter. It will be a pretty hot convention.

VACATION VS. VOCATION.
Russell Sage has started various volleys of comment and criticism regarding the wastefulness and laziness of vacations. This has inspired one writer to draw some comparisons between "vacations and vocations." He says that there has been much of persuasive prose penned on the value of vacations. They are supposed to constitute delightful by-paths, warranted to prevent ruts from forming in the roadway of life; to leaven the lump of the year's work and, along with reasonable and regular hours, are prime necessities to be insisted upon by every wage-earner. Withal, employers of labor continue to show an unreasoning partiality for the man who values his vacation above his vacation, for the man who has few by-paths, who works by results rather than hours, and who thinks most of how he can best give his body, brain and time to business. The history of success as writ in the lives of our leaders seems to justify this old-fashioned view. The men who are holding the high places of earth are those who can "toll terribly" as good Sir Walter Raleigh used to say. Without going so far as to urge that the bright lexicon of youth should contain no such word as "vacation," it may yet be well to suggest that it should never appear there in capitals.

A record has been broken in the re-nomination of Henry T. Rainey for congress in the Jerseyville district. Ten counties are in this district and each usually has a candidate. A deadlock is the regular order. As high as 2,600 ballots have been taken in times past. The district is so overwhelmingly democratic that a nomination is equivalent to an election. Not since the days of Scott Wike has a man succeeded himself. It is known all over the state as the "one-term" district. Mr. Rainey has broken the spell and has been nominated without opposition for a second term.

AGE LIMIT FRAUD.
Much rot has been written about the age limit of usefulness. There is no such limit. One man is old at 40, another young at 60. It all depends on the man.

A few days ago the dispatches told of a man in Chicago committing suicide, and giving as a reason that he was 45 years of age and on that account could not secure employment. There is little use to argue in relation to suicide and any causes that may lead to it, for no human being in full rational condition ever commits suicide. There is always some disturbance of the mental forces and powers. But no man ought to think that because he is 45 years of age there is no good employment to be had. The suicide in question was a stationary engineer. He may have been crowded out of his trade, but if that were true he ought to have taken up some other occupation. But there is no use of any man claiming that he can not get work in this day and age unless there is some fault with himself. Employers are looking for reliable and responsible workers all the time. In this city men are paid more for taking care of a pair of horses than they were formerly paid for taking care of a stationary engine. As to the age when a man is no longer good as a worker, there is much around for dispute. There is a man, aged 70, who lives in Decatur and is shoeing horses every day and makes no complaint, in fact, is proud of it. A majority of the most successful workers in the United States are probably as old as 45. The managers of the great railroads are, as a rule, above that age. Men often build great industries and make great fortunes after passing the age of 45 years. It may be a misfortune not to have achieved fortune or fame previous to forty-five, but it certainly does not prevent a man from achieving it afterward.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

It is now said that the slate is to make Gov. Yates chairman of the state delegation in the national convention at Chicago on the 21st and thereby ignore Cullom, Hopkins and Cannon. This is to be done by the Deneen men to reward Yates for his support. There could be no serious objection to this as the chairman of the delegation carries little with it aside from the announcement of the vote of the state. As Mr. Cannon is to be the permanent chairman he will be easily satisfied when it comes to adjusting minor matters. The two senators will not care to fight the governor and probably will favor his selection. If the rest of the delegation are willing to elect him the same rumor goes on to say that the Yates people will endeavor still further to humiliate the "federal bunch" or "big 8" by making Gov. Yates national committeeman from Illinois. All this may be true or not true. Probably not. At least Mr. Deneen is too sensible a man and too good a politician to desire to produce a factional strife. He will no doubt prefer to be the candidate of the republican party of Illinois and when elected governor of the entire state. There is another contingency. The delegates to the national convention, two from each congressional district, may not be in entire accord with a policy of humiliation and discord. These representatives of the republicans will choose the state chairman and state committee man. As there are some 60 of these gentlemen it is possible that several schemes and plans may go away. The two delegates from the 10th district are Congressman Warner and Attorney General Hamlin. They are men of their own minds and can't be delivered by Gov. Yates or any one else. There are plenty more like them in Illinois. The time has come for a thorough, united effort to push the campaign along lines of victory at the polls. Gov. Yates so far appears to be the only discordant element. It is believed that he will soon discover that the people will not elect a man senator who makes party strife. They may not elect him any way but he can not hope to succeed except with a united party. When the sorrows at his failure to be re-nominated for governor has had time to heal he will probably content himself by finishing his term as governor in a dignified and peaceful manner. The governor should remember that honey catches more flies than vinegar.

BETTER PLAGATE THAN PUNISH.

The folly of a campaign of slaughter following the state republican convention is apparent to those out of Illinois as well as in it. The DesMoines, Iowa, Capital, a stalwart republican paper and one of the most influential in the west, says:

"The official guillotine is working by both day and night shifts in the executive mansion at Springfield, Ill., since the adjournment of the republican state convention. When Governor Yates took the pledge of fealty to Candidate Deneen he did not at the same time agree that he would heap coals of fire on the heads of all the state officers who opposed him by running to them, falling upon their necks, and giving the assurance that they would be permitted to hold their jobs and draw their treasury warrants

until the end of the administration. The Illinois governor is an eye-for-an-eye and tooth-for-a-tooth politician. Although it is less than a week since the convention concluded its labors no less than twenty-six official heads have been decapitated and the promise given that the sanguinary exhibition will continue until every pay-roll patriot who failed to show the proper enthusiasm for the Yates cause in the ante-convention campaign has met with the same fate.

We are free to confess that Governor Yates is pursuing a course the folly of which will some day be apparent to him. It is readily admitted even by those who have been his strongest critics that he came out of the Springfield convention with a much better standing than he had when he went in. It is claimed that he has further political aspirations. In fact it is stated that those aspirations have a tangible outline and that he will be a candidate to succeed the Hon. Shelby M. Cullom in the United States senate.

If this is the case a wise discretion would suggest that the present is no time for a display of pique or the spectacular inauguration of a program of revenge. An open declaration of war against several hundred men in different parts of the state—men sure to have a substantial following in their respective communities—will be very apt to be accepted. Such a contingent is liable to represent a balance of power in a legislative session which may have a great deal to say when it comes to the election of a United States senator.

The breadth of mind which marks the statesman and the finesse which distinguishes the able political general are both opposed to the spirit of vindictiveness which would rather punish than placate."

SCHOOL TEACHER TICKET.

With one exception the candidates on the republican state ticket began their careers as school teachers. James S. McCullough, candidate for auditor, is the exception. Sherman comes from Ohio and McCullough from Pennsylvania. Both were young, however, when they entered Illinois and settled there. Sherman is only three years older than Deneen, the candidate just ahead of him.

They have been friends of the warmest kind from an early day in their lives and it was Deneen's wish as well as Yates' suggestion that Sherman be on the ticket.

Only one of the candidates is an old soldier. McCullough lost an arm in the civil war.

He was a private in the regiment raised in Urbana by S. T. Busey who became its colonel. Col. Busey afterwards married Mary Bowen and she is the woman candidate for trustees of the University of Illinois.

NOISE ON FOURTHS.

There has been more than the usual amount of talk during the past year that it is high time that radical reform should make the observance of our great national holiday—the Fourth of July, says the Capital. The death and accident list has grown so great of recent years that sensible men and women are becoming ashamed of the record. It is believed that the spirit of patriotism might find ways of expression without the sacrifice of life and limb to an extent exceeding many of the battles of the Spanish American and Russian-Japanese wars. In order to show that this is not exaggeration attention is called to the following statistics of deaths and injuries for July 4, 1903.

Died of lockjaw caused by injuries 406
Died of other injuries 60
Total blind 10
Number who lost one eye 75
Arms and legs lost 54
Number who lost fingers 174
Number of injured who recovered 3,983
Total number casualties in the United States 4,449

It is not the purpose to make any plea for a "noiseless Fourth of July." It was never designed that the day should be observed simply by a pink tea or a vesper service. The American eagle should be permitted to vociferate. The burning of powder is in keeping with the spirit of the day. Sanity, however, suggests the limitations within which these methods of celebration should be kept. Americans should not act as though they were anxious to give a grand benefit performance to the surgeons and undertakers of the land.

Practical reform can be accomplished when the authorities place the ban upon the toy cannon and the deadly canon cracker, and when conspicuous examples are made of those who seek to evade the plain letter of the law. The record made last year is a burning shame and disgrace to the nation. The public is able to prevent a repetition if it is so disposed.

In this connection it is suggested that Chief Sullivan and his faithful force of men take steps to confine the noise as closely to the Fourth as possible. A certain amount of sleep is absolutely essential to a good many people, and it is highly exasperating to have the carnival of noise begin on July 1 and continue until about the 7th. In other years a good start has been made toward a proper curtailment of the horrors of the "Glorious Fourth."

NOCUTTHROAT MORTGAGE.

Deneen and Sherman were class mates in college and have been life-long friends. Sherman said he worked harder for Deneen's nomination than he did for his own. They stand for the same ideas in state affairs. It is very safe to say that Sherman will be no non-entity in the next administration. Those who imagine that the state patronage outside of Chicago is put up in packages and labelled "Yates distributor" or any one else distributor will find that they have been

dreaming when the real thing comes. Mr. Deneen is not the man to cut a cutthroat mortgage on his office. He will be governor. Men who go into the thick of the fight and help elect the state and national republican tickets will not be ostracized because they may have preferred some other man to Deneen in the convention. The fact that any man or set of men, when they found their own nomination hopeless, made a frantic rush for the man they could nominate against Lowden will not of itself give them a warranty deed to the offices outside of Cook. If this were believed it might be hard for Deneen to secure enough country votes to elect him. People to elect are quite as important as people to nominate. Some wild and wooly claims have been made along this line.

Much of it is done as a cowardly low whistlers through a graveyard. More of it is to let some people down easy. There is a good long struggle between this and Nov. 8. Mr. Deneen is a man of great personal vigor and will fill the great office of governor as he has met every other trust in the interest of the people.

A MONEY CAMPAIGN.

During the campaign for governor the floodgates of money were turned loose. Fortunes were spent in a vain endeavor to secure the prize. Gov. Yates and Frank O. Lowden are popularly believed to have spent vast sums in trying to be nominated. Other candidates no doubt are considerably out of pocket. In the democratic camp conditions are not better. Hearst's financial bureau was maintained in all its vigor. Enough money was put into Illinois to secure the endorsement of the state. All this is extremely demoralizing, no matter in which party it prevails. The fact that a man was nominated for governor who spent comparatively little money in the campaign is a source of great gratification. The result of the campaign of self will probably be a state primary election law and voting machines. If this shall be the outcome the deadlock convention and the campaign leading up to it will not have been in vain.

The fresh young life of the graduates is a tonic to those who are older. The inspiring view of a half hundred young people at the opera house Friday morning entering full of hope and ambition upon the activities of every day life was enough to suggest the fountain of eternal youth so sought by Ponce de Leon in the long ago. The secret of being young is in keeping a young heart and living a young life. Older people should continually strive to keep in touch with the brightness and cheerfulness of youth. The commencement time is one of joy and hope.

It is thought that the vice presidency is a place to shelve a troublesome antagonist. In 1900 Roosevelt was tucked away in obscurity by Platt and other schemers. Fate upset all these plans and saved Roosevelt the labor of making himself a factor in affairs. Something like this is often done in naming a troublesome man as Lieutenant governor. Those who put Sherman on that ticket with any idea of getting him will wonder what they did for before the next four years have passed.

Macon county people who believe that the time has come to get a congressman should bear in mind that Champaign is the place and next Tuesday the day to start the machinery to moving that next November will make David S. Shellabarger the representative of the 10th district. The only way to help is to go to the convention and make it understood that Macon county has the right to be considered.

Attorney General Knox will succeed the late Senator Quay. This is an excellent selection. No abler man will sit in the senate than Senator Knox. It is understood that the attorney general will continue in his present position until Dec. 1. The vigorous prosecution of the trusts and the establishment of the constitutionality of the Sherman anti-trust law are achievements which will distinguish not only Atty. Gen. Knox but the administration behind him.

Everything so far has been done by the weather man to help emphasize the poet's comments on June when he says "What is so rare as a day in June? Then if ever came perfect days."

Ten or eleven of these rare ones in a row is a pretty good start.

Democratic booblers and their sympathizers in Missouri yelled themselves hoarse saying of Folk, "He is ruining the party" in prosecuting the thieves. Still he went on and the masses have nominated Folk for governor against the manipulators at the head of whom stood Gov. Dockery.

The Cripple Creek war has reached the stage of extermination. "Death to Unions" is the slogan of the citizens' alliance and the mine owners association. When it is all over it will doubtless be found that the fault is on both sides. The country should see that the reign of violence ceases.

Notwithstanding Chicago's preparation for a safe and noiseless Fourth the ambulance drivers, the hospital corps and the surgeons are making special preparations for effective service.

Ten years ago Japan was pursuing China in almost the exact way and in almost the identical spots where it is now after Russia. Truly history is repeating itself. 1904 is an almost exact duplicate of 1894 with Russia sub-

stituted for China.

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It is better that the strike be lost than succeed through violence and the commission of outrages," says John Mitchell in "Organized Labor," page 319. No better friend to the workingman can be found than the Mine Workers' able president.

The Springfield hotel keepers will

probably feel able to take a va-

cation. Should the democratic con-

vention get into a tangle they might

feel that they could afford to spend

a week at the St. Louis fair.

The republican state ticket has upon

it three of the best campaign orators

in the west if not in the whole coun-

try. These are Deneen, Sherman and Stead. There will be plenty of fire-

works when the time comes.

If Gov. Yates' chopping arm does

not weary he will "get them" all.

Sometimes it is wiser to be magnanimous, govern or. Great men do not al-

low themselves to be controlled by

their angry passions.

There is now and then a suggestion

that former vice president Stevenson

The Rural Mail Carrier

Farmers Show Appreciation of the Conditions Faced by the Carrier—Commodore Hall Has Speed Record—He is a Fan.

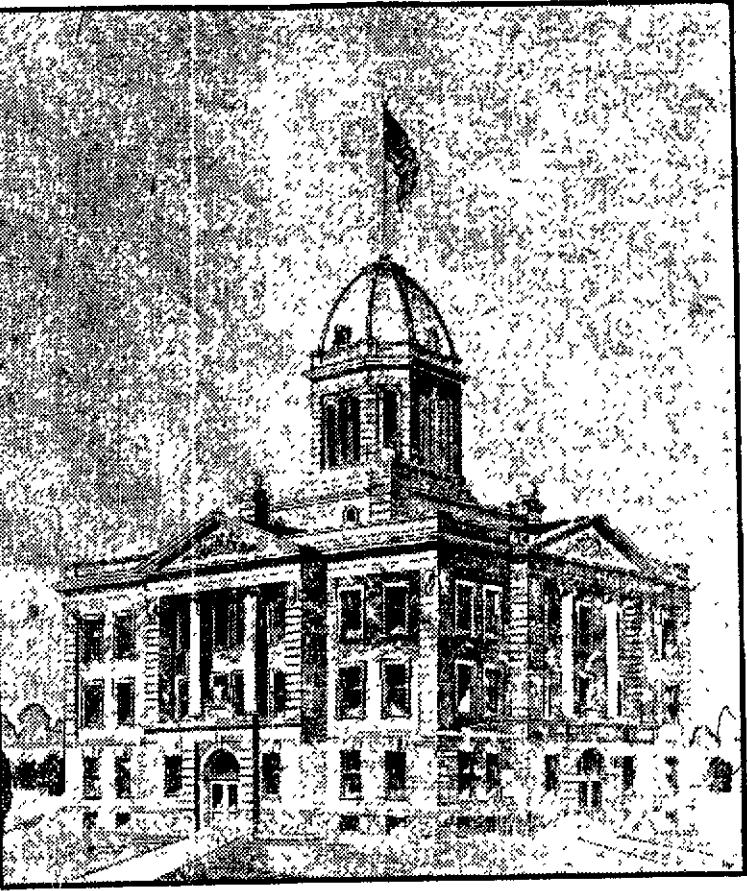
In the modern up-to-date world the people become accustomed to conveniences and before the general public is thoroughly familiar with them it is regarded as matters of necessity. A few years ago the proposition had the mail delivery beyond the city limits of the cities would have been regarded as Utopian and to think that all farmers were entitled to the delivery of mail daily would have been regarded as the dream of many. Now the rural mail delivery is looked upon so much as a convenience and the beneficiaries are upon it so much as a necessity. They wonder why ever man is a subject for study in one of the rural mail delivery. Or does it and that is the art of friendship and sympathy which brings up between the carrier and the people that carry him as the servant of the federal government. When that split of friendship does grow between the two it is wonderful sometimes how strong becomes. The carrier comes to believe that along his route there lives the best class of people in the country and the patrons of the route are positive they are fortunate in having such carriers like the most acknowledged man in the service. How it makes the work when there is effort to cultivate that feeling and it is along to bear all that it may.

Frank Hall of Decatur is carrier of route No. 1 out of Decatur and is ready to swear that the people of his work and help him out a little. They got up a subscription—an old-fashioned donation party and contributed to the cause in a way that has made a lasting impression on the Commodores. The contributions when listed have a homely sound but when corn in small lots is selling at fifty cents a bushel and oats at forty cents per bushel, there is nothing that would appeal to the heart of the rural carrier more strongly than the donation of a few bushels of corn. When therefore the patrons of rural route 1 presented the Commodore with a donation he was ready to fall on their neck and call them blessed.

When he gained their good will also he gained 38 bushels of corn, 38 bushels of oats, 5 bushels of hay, 1 bushel of flour, 3 bushels of potatoes, half a dozen chickens, 49 pounds of lard, 6 pounds of butter, 1 gallon of pickles, 2 gallons of sorghum and three dollars in cash.

There is some excuse for the high opinion that Commodore Hall has of the people living along Route 1. In these days of electric cars, automobiles etc., a man would be regarded as a mill bug if he started out to drive ten thousand miles in a wagon. Yet that is what a year ago he did. Yet he did it without a cent of expense. To make that trip every day in the year except Sundays and holidays at that distance travelled is 9500 miles. When these are registered packages to be delivered and the receipts must be signed the travel is increased because the carrier then goes to the door of the patron while the mail box is often a quarter

MOULTRIE COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE.



The above cut is made from the architect's plans of the new Moultrie county court house. It gives a full idea of its shape and size but does not do full justice to its beauty. When completed it will be one of the most handsome public buildings in central Illinois.

As will be observed it will be three stories with a basement. On the first floor will be offices for the sheriff, state's attorney, master in chancery, superintendent of schools, coroner and surveyor, a room for the supervisors and grand jury and ladies waiting room. On the second floor will be offices for the circuit and county clerks, treasurer and county judge. On the third floor will be the court room, law library, jury, witness and consultation rooms. The estimated cost of the building is about \$65,000 besides the cost of furniture and heating plant.



FRANK M. HALL.
Better Known as "Commodore" or
"Shorty."

our his route are the best ever and he would not voluntarily trade routes with any carrier in the country if his route is several miles longer than any other. He willingly goes that extra miles to the privilege of staying where he is and if it was not for the fact that he is in love with the position on his route he might point to the fact that he has the record for the fastest time ever made on the route of Decatur by a rural mail carrier and where such possibilities exist the length of the route in miles cuts no figure—not with the Commodore at any rate.

As originally planned and first served Rural Route 1 was twenty-six miles long. Now it is thirty and a half miles long. Of this distance twenty-four and a half miles is over dirt roads and six miles over paved streets and gravel roads. Commodore Hall's best time over the full thirty and a half miles is three hours and forty minutes and just now he takes 110 boxes. There are 114 families on his route and all told there are between 550 and 600 persons who enjoy the advantages of rural mail delivery.

There are not a few farmers along that route who believe that they are served as faithfully and expeditiously as possible. Their appreciation in a substantial way and mere words don't go. With the warm-hearted farmers words are looked upon as cheap but the know-how of the carrier can't get around unless his horse is well fed. And the carrier can't get around unless he is well fed. The horses had no idea that the Commodore was starving his horse but they felt that they would like to show their appreciation.

GRAIN DEALERS ARE COMING

Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Illinois Association to be Held Here June 14.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association will be held in Decatur June 14. The meetings usually continue over two days but this time all of the business will be finished in one day. There will be no banquet this time as is usually the case when the grain dealers meet.

The session will be held in the G. A. Hall. The meeting will be called to order at 10 a. m. There will be music and an address of welcome by Mayor Shilling and a response by S. S. Tanner of Minster. The president, H. C. Money, will also deliver an address and the committees will be appointed.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 o'clock and an address will be delivered by George A. Wells, secretary of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association. Reports of the secretary and the different committees will be made and

BUILDERS ARE BUSY.

Builders in Decatur right now are busy. There is a good deal going on in the way of building and carpenters, brick layers and other mechanics are all engaged. While the building is now at its height there is not much in prospect for the rest of the summer after the work now started is finished but for a time all those who find employment

officers will be elected.

A night session will be held at 8 p. m. The new officers will be installed and Capt. I. P. Runsey of Chicago will give an address and the meeting will be followed by a smoker.

Two of the officers of the association are Decatur men. They are the secretary, George Beyer, and the treasurer, H. L. Baldwin. It is expected that the attendance this year will be large.

The national grain dealers' meeting will be held at Milwaukee June 22. A number from Decatur will attend.

The smart girls of today have a new way of greeting you. It is quite in accord with their picturesque, charmingly feminine, quaint gowns. They never think of shaking hands with you in their own homes in the conventional old-world way. They greet you with both hands and their manner of putting their little hands into yours assures you a hearty welcome.

The superstitious girl has a substitute for the lucky penny, and by the way, it's the eye of the peacock feather, which heretofore has been associated only with ill luck. In place of her lucky penny she carries a peacock's eye mounted in glass.—Woman's Home Companion.

In the building line will be working. Among the large buildings which are being erected this summer the State and North Park street is to be one of the best. The work on this building is progressing rapidly. The foundation is finished and the joists for the first floor are being laid.

The new Central Church of Christ at the corner of West William and Edward streets is going up rapidly. The roof has been finished on the first floor and the main auditorium is about ready for occupancy and will be ready for occupancy within the next twenty days.

The new building of the Central Union Telephone Co. on North street

is between Water and Main streets is quite a piece of repair work. The remodeling of the Fenton block is about completed and is one of the handsomest small business blocks in the city.

In Residence District,

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Robert Rogan has finished a new cottage on Clay street near the corner of Webster street.

West Decatur street which cost about \$3,500 is now in the hands of the painter and will be ready for the owner to move into within the next ten days or less.

Daniel Higgins is making some extensive improvements in his cottage on the 1300 block on East Eldorado street. He is putting in conveniences and is making it a modern house in every way.

T. T. Roberts and family have moved into their new home in the McGaffin addition. W. P. Ferguson has taken Mr. Robert's house on West Main street and the house vacated by Mr.

At Forty Cents a Day

Cost of Living Need Not Exceed That Amount in Decatur.

The cost of living is a problem which confronts everyone, the wealthy who live on an elaborate scale as well as the poor man who must make both ends meet on \$1.50 a day.

The expense of living now is a cry which comes up from all sides. It is a fact that one keeps house a dollar does not go nearly as far as it would a few years ago. Buying for a whole family of children is a hard problem for most everything in the eating line is expensive.

While it is true that keeping house is expensive a man who "eats around" in the restaurants can live on a small amount. One person can actually live and live well on \$3 a week in the restaurants. He will not suffer hunger but will get a plenty. Restaurant eating in Decatur is cheap. The prices charged are lower here than in other cities. Traveling men and theatrical people who patronize the restaurants in this city always express surprise at the low prices and say they can not eat in restaurants in any other city in the country as cheaply as in Decatur.

It is easy to spend a good sum in a restaurant if one wants something fancy but good ordinary eating can be bought at a low price and it can be done by ordering cooked whatever is wanted.

For example at breakfast time a man can get a big bowl of oatmeal or any of the breakfast foods for ten cents and with it a big pitcher of milk or coffee. A plate of big baked beans for 3 cents. Milk and syrup costs but eight cents and a cup of coffee three cents more. Only eleven cents and a plenty for anyone's breakfast.

At dinner time there are places where a good square meal of hot meat and vegetables can be bought for fifteen cents or a more elaborate dinner

country to buy a jag of wool which a farmer wanted to sell. When he came back and weighed up the load it was pounds short. The number of bundles tallied but the weights were not correct. Then Atlass asked him how they did not weigh the stuff when they bought it and the boss of the pair answered that the farmer let them weigh the wool and do all the figuring. Then it was that Atlass understood why the farmer had been so trustful. The trip to the country and the loss in weight had cost Atlass three planks and the amount of wool was so small that he could not get even if he sold it at the highest market price.

SEEDLESS APPLE TO THE FRONT

Is Not Hurt By Frost Because It Has No Blossoms.

St. Louis, June 11—Sharing honors with the wireless telegraph, smokeless coal and microphones water at the World's Fair is an exhibit of seedless apples. California contributed seedless oranges, Florida, seedless grapefruit, but remained on Colorado.

Not only has this fruit an absence of seed, but the tree upon which it grows is blossomless. Mr. John F. Spencer, of Grand Junction, is the father of the species and he says that the seedless apple is also immune from the ravages of insects.

Horticulturists who visit the World's Fair are greatly interested in the exhibit as an important discovery. Mr. Spencer is now experimenting with the various varieties of apples and he believes that he can develop a seedless Winesap, a seedless Gano and other favorite species. If it is successful it is likely that other fruit growers will follow his example.

It is claimed that the seedless apple is not hurt by the frost because it has no blossoms. It is a hardy grower and thrives abundantly in the Colorado climate. These oranges in Colorado produce the apple without core.

"If we could get it to all orchardists," said the man who had been showing the fruit, "it would be a good scheme to put that light under the bed clothes near his feet. There was a long cord attached to the globe and the scheme was easy. With his feet warm as toast he fell asleep but his dreams were troubled. He died. Somehow there was a mistake in his transportation and he did not stop in purgatory but went straight to the bottom and soon was introduced to a lot of his old friends at first did not heed the heat. The moment that the novelty of the situation had worn off he began to be conscious of the fact that the floor was made of red hot iron and that he was in his bare feet. For seconds or two he managed to endure it by shifting from one foot to the other but finally he could bear it no longer and made a break for the door. 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The faculty of the high school was seated at the left of the stage and the members of the board of education occupied seats just in front of the faculty. The graduates were seated to the right of the faculty and the boys and girls were seated together. At times heretofore the boys have been placed in one section and the girls in another but yesterday they were distributed together. The others who took part in the program were seated in the front row of seats in front of the graduates.

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from Germany.
Salutation—Jessie E. Stewart.
Essay—The Louisiana Purchase—
Jessie Gard.

Piano Solo, "Sonata Op. 27 No. 2"
Beethoven—Arthur Van Cleve,
Oration, The Prevailing Tendency
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Dora E. Watson.

Reading, How the Church Was Built
at Kehoe's Bar—Esther Niedermeyer.

Intermission.

Girls' Chorus—Harcollie, F. Kucken
Arr. by Leonard B. Marshall.

Reading, Christmas Scene from Da-
vid Hume—Frances Fell.

Violin Solo, Polonaise, Hans Sitt Op.
—Oleg Emilie Keck.

Valentines—Walter Dalton Frey,
Jr.

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In the high school we have prepared ourselves for future life for a successful struggle with the world. Surrounded by books, loving care, and companionship, we have studied and striven to develop our minds. We have learned to do things. We have learned to apply ourselves to our tasks and to accomplish them. We have learned to think and reason for ourselves. Thus our individualism, our self, upon which we live must depend. We have learned a sense of life, of work, enough for us and developed. To make a success of life to take some active part in the great drama of the world, is it not obligatory upon each one of us to grasp every opportunity and to overcome all obstacles? It is in the high school, in the beginning of our education, that we have learned to make use of our faculties and our opportunities, and to surmount difficulties.

In the high school we have gained a world for ourself, the object of our education is to teach us not only to work but also to live. The high school has given us life. We have formed true friendships. Intercourse with our classmates has taught us valuable lessons of courtesy and self-restraint. We have gained independence and self-reliance. We have acquired thoughts of a mental and moral support throughout our lives. It is between us a fountain of strength that the character of a good girl is formed. We have formed our characters under the loving guidance of the faculty of our high school. Our teachers have inspired us with lofty ideals and with true conceptions of life.

The high school has not only developed our mental faculties but it has also given us glimpses of the deeper and truer side of life for mental growth is also moral growth. Are not the educated man and woman as a noble life as the educated man and woman? Education teaches us what a true noble life is, and fills us with the longing to live such a life. While our thoughts and ideals have been elevated by study and by intercourse with classmates and teachers, our spiritual minds have been exalted.

Diplomas Awarded.
At the close of the class song the graduates filed down to the front of the stage where the diplomas were presented by D. S. Shellabarger, the president of the board of education. Mr. Gastman stepped forth and made a short speech in which he said that it was his great pleasure to introduce to the audience Miss Nellie Connard, and he presented her with a class scholarship.

The Usual Speech.
After he had presented the scholarship Mr. Gastman made a short talk to the audience. It was somewhat as follows:

"This is the thirty-seventh time that we have graduated in the Decatur High School and never before did I see a more orderly audience or did I see a more beautiful girl graduate than I see here now nor more boy graduates."

At the close of his talk Mr. Gastman announced for the boys that there would be a base ball game at the school at 3:30 o'clock and he hoped all that could buy tickets and help the boys along. His speech helped the boys out considerably and they sold a number of tickets to the people as they passed along.

At the close of Mr. Gastman's address, H. L. Strain of the Congregational church pronounced the benediction.

The motto of the class of '04 is "To Serve and Not To Yield." The class colors are purple and gold and the flower tea rose has been chosen as the class flower.

One of the pleasing features of the program was the piano solo by Miss

STORIES OF HEROISM AMONG LIFE-SAVERS

Service on the Sea and Lake Coasts Fraught With Constant Peril to Men Engaged.

The heroes of Uncle Sam's life saving service will make heavy drafts upon the Carnegie hero fund if they are provided according to their just deserts. In 1903 they saved 4,312 lives. They performed these deeds of heroism, however, bleak coasts, often working in dense darkness, in the midst of hurricanes. Most frequently the weather was bitter cold and the life savers worked in clothing increased with frozen hands and feet, the waves dashing over their suits.

They carried helpless, maimed, tired and pale stricken people from ships wrecked on rocky coasts. Sometimes they saved the lives of those clinging to the ice clad rigging of sunken ships or from the slippery decks of overturned boats. Sometimes they were compelled to dive into waters without even the glimpse of a light to find their way as they swam the rest of some unfortunate mate who had been washed over board from vessels in distress.

The rescued man," says the keeper "was more dead than alive when taken from the water. The other four still held on, and the surfmen went out into the breakers and dragged them ashore."

Sometimes wind and wave baffle even the most courageous of the life saving crews. This was shown in the wreck of the barkentine Abell Abbott, which stranded and went to pieces on the coast of New Jersey during the storm of Jan. 20, 1903. The barkentine carried nine men, including the captain. The life saving crew was quick to respond to the signals of distress and fired three times over the doomed vessel. The darkness was intense, and for some reason the shipwrecked men failed to pull any of the lines ashore. The gale was so fierce and the seas dashed on to the beach with such force that it was literally impossible to launch the life boat. The life savers stood by, however, burning fire on the beach to encourage the nine men clinging to the wreckage. At 5 o'clock in the morning the ship went to pieces and three of the men were drowned. Daylight revealed five men clinging to the top of the cabin.

Wreckage filled the surf while dashed the broken planks and timbers in every direction, and there was hardly a possibility of effecting a launch without destruction. Suddenly an opportunity appeared, and the surfboat shot out. Neither the life saving crew nor the spectators believed it at all likely that the lifeboat could get through. There were ninety-nine in a hundred chances that it would be smashed.

But by hard work and skillful handling the life boat reached the bar and approached close enough to the wreck to make out the five men clinging desperately to the roof of the cabin, but the lifeboat could get no farther. The life savers made every effort of strength and skill at their command, but finally had to give up and return to the beach exhausted.

Scarcely had they landed when the cabin, with the five men clinging to the top, was wrenched loose from the wreck and was thrown, whirling and striking into the boisterous seas. Again the life savers launched their boat and this time they reached the drowning men in time.

Swam in Raging Waters.

Instances of individual heroism among Uncle Sam's life savers are countless. Here is one instance of the service. On Sept. 6, 1901, several men were fishing off the rocks at Point Lobos, Cal., when one of them, John Sater, fell twenty feet into the surf, where he was dashed about at the foot of the cliff, while his companions were unable to rescue him. Weakened by his desperate struggles and maimed and bruised by being repeatedly dashed against the rocks by the pounding surf, Sater finally was swept into a cavern in the side of the cliff, about eight feet wide and ten feet high at the entrance, growing narrower and more dangerous all the way.

John Hyslop, the marine observer at Point Lobos, learned of the accident and at once notified Surfman Bernstein on the lookout in the life saving tower. The surfman seized a life buoy with a line attached and hastening to the edge of the bluff was lowered by a rope, held by two or three men, until he reached the mouth of the cavern. He threw the buoy close to Sater and shouted for him to grasp it, but the imperiled man appeared to be too much exhausted to make the attempt and clung to the rocks, begging for help and despairingly crying that he could not hold on much longer.

Satisfied that Sater did not dare to take the buoy, Bernstein hauled it back and passing the line to some men who had meantime arrived in a roundabout way got inside the buoy himself and swam into the cavern. He then lashed Sater to the buoy and the half-drowned man was hauled out in safety, while Bernstein remained clinging to the slippery rocks. As soon as Sater was landed the buoy was floated back to Bernstein and he in turn was hauled out safely. For this daringfeat the secretary of the treasury awarded Surfman Bernstein the silver medal for gallant conduct.

The body of the little boy was laid on the pier, apparently lifeless. Keeper Ludlum of the life saving station immediately began to apply the service methods for restoring the apparently drowned. Almost against hope he persisted for half an hour. Then the child gasped faintly and the work was renewed. After two hours and a half of hard work Keeper Ludlum placed the boy alive and out of danger in his happy father's arms. The boy had been under water for half an hour. The recovery was so remarkable that the story is given a prominent place on the records of the government at Washington.

Saving Crew of Olive Thurlow.

One of the most thrilling rescues in recent years was that of the American barkentine, Olive Thurlow, wrecked on Dec. 5, 1902, in Lookout Bluff off the coast of North Carolina. The vessel struck 450 yards from the shore in a gale blowing fifty miles an hour. The life saving crew had to haul the wrecking apparatus two and one-half miles in soft wet sand in the face of the gale, and yet they were on the scene within an hour after the vessel's distress signal had been seen, before it flushed on the shore. The vessel began to break up almost at once. Even while the life savers were firing the lines over the doomed vessel the forward bows and deck load went overboard, the bow and stern were torn off, the general ruin finally being completed by the falling of all the masts with a crash audible far along the shore. The top of the after house or cabin, was the only place of refuge, and lying there five sailors struggled for their lives with only a precarious hold on the skylight coamings.

Meanwhile the life savers fired another life boat almost into the hands of the shipwrecked men, who as quickly as they could make fast the tall block to the stump of the mizzenmast, but while the surfmen were engaged in sending out the hawsers a heavy sea tore off the top of the cabin on which the sailors were gathered and carried them with it into the breakers.

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JUDGE SCORES THE POLICE

New York Magistrate Indignant at the Idea of Posting a Picket to Prevent Gambling.

DENOUNCES IT AS LAWLESS.

The four men and the women were bundled as warmly as possible placed in the surfboat, and a start made for shore. The beach was reached at 4:30 p.m. after four and one-half hours of steady rowing. The accumulation of ice at the shore was so great that the boat could not land its crew and passengers, and the surfmen were compelled to take the five rescued persons upon their shoulders and wade ashore through water and ice breast deep. Their horses were secured and the life boat dragged ashore.

ROYAL VISITORS ARE MODEST.

Brother-in-Law of Khedive En Route to Fair Seeks to Escape Notice.

New York, June 11.—A. Hallim and spouse was the simple way Prince and Princess Abbas Pacha Hallim, brother and sister of the khedive of Egypt, chose to register at the Holland House last night. They are staying in New York for a week en route to the World's Fair.

They were not recognized at the hotel and not until reports from other passengers on the Princess Irene of the North German Lloyd line became current was it known there was royalty in the house. On the ship the royal couple and two attendants remained much by themselves.

The prince and his party expect to remain in this country 72 days and will return home by way of Bremen.

Imadeddin Wahbi Bey stated that the plans of the party were not definite as yet.

"We read of such official conduct in Europe and profess to be astonished over it, but we have had more of it in the city of New York for the last 25 years and especially during the last eight or nine years than there has been in any place in the civilized world.

"Such police lawlessness is far more dangerous than all the gambling combined. It brings in its train all of the vices and debases government and society. The law can be effectual and permanently enforced only in a lawful, orderly and uniform manner."

CALL BACK TROPHY.

Style of Rifles Used by Americans Causes Controversy.

Washington, June 11.—As a result of the controversy over the style of rifles used by the American team in the match for the Palma trophy last July, the executive committee of the national rifle association by unanimous vote this afternoon decided to return the trophy which the Americans won last September to England at once. Instructions will be telegraphed to New York where the trophy is kept for its immediate shipment to England.

TRAIN ROBBERS SURROUNDED.

Deputies Have Two Men Cornered in a Cabin.

Leadville, Colo., June 11.—A special to the Herald-Democrat from Durango says deputies have the Rio Grande bandits surrounded in a cabin and their escape is impossible.

GOTH BEATS CANADIAN.

Davenport, Ia., June 11.—Frank Gotch tonight won a wrestling match from Dan McMahon, champion of Canada, securing two falls out of three.

MACON COUNTY'S CHOICE



DAVID S. SHELLABARGER,
Candidate for Congress, Nineteenth District.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS CHAIR

ABNER MCKINLEY, BROTHER OF THE LATE PRESIDENT, VICTIM OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE

BODY FOUND BY HIS WIFE

Physicians Said Life Had Been Extinct for Three Hours—Funeral Will Be Held Monday at Canton.

Somerset, Pa., June 11.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late president, was found dead in a chair in his home at 8 o'clock this morning. His death came without warning to his family. His negro servant, who slept in his room, was up with him at 2 o'clock, and it is not known as what time Mr. McKinley lay down again, as he did not wake his servant.

Mrs. McKinley walked into his room at 8 o'clock and found him sitting in a chair, cold and apparently dead.

A physician was summoned, who said death had probably occurred two or three hours before.

Funeral set for Monday.

DESPERATE STREET FIGHT.

At Waco, Texas, Fellow As Result of School Election.

Waco, Tex., June 11.—In a street fight today over the election of a school teacher at Elk, near here, R. B. Torrence was shot and killed. Dr. Holton and son fatally wounded. Prof. G. N. Purline and Rivers Torrence sur-

vived.

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survived.

*Bradley Bros.
Decatur Ill.*

A Dollar Sale of Standard Corsets

Closing out this week all remaining "P. D." and "J. B." Corsets, a wide range of sizes, numbers and colors, never before sold regularly less than \$1.75 and \$2.50, also several numbers in "Her Majesty" corsets, sold up to \$3.25, this week's remodeling sale price for choice

\$1.00

A Dollar Sale of Fancy Petticoats

Very best quality of cotton taffeta Petticoats, with 15-inch flounce and three rows of narrow ruffles, hemstitched with cluster of tucks. These are actual \$1.39 values, but this week only, buy them at choice for

\$1.00

Mercerized Satin Petticoats with 15-inch flounce and Van Dyke ruffle, finished with cluster of cording and dust ruffle. These always sold at \$1.48, but this week's remodeling sale go at each

\$1.00

A Dollar Sale of Children's Dresses

Children's Dresses in pinks, blues and grays, sizes from 6 to 12, Peter Thompson effect, and they're worth in a regular way \$1.69, but this week you can buy these at per suit

\$1.00

A Dollar Sale of Dresser Scarfs

Hand Embroidered Linen Dresser Scarfs, beautifully hemstitched, about five patterns, the choicest and best things we could buy in this line, and they have always sold from \$1.25 up. This week we put them all into this remodeling sale and offer choice at each

\$1.00

A Dollar Sale of Percale Wrappers

Blue percale Wrappers. Indigo dyes, knee ruffle, made extra full and regulation width, full sleeves and the best wrapper ever offered in Decatur at \$1.25, Special remodeling price this week, choice

\$1.00

JAPS NEAR THEIR GOAL

CHINESE REFUGEES REPORT BATTLE JUNE 9 WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF INNER FORTS

FLEET SUPPORTS TROOPS

News of Fall of Port Arthur Still to Come—Lack of Positive News Indicates Big Action in Progress

Chefoo, June 12—Noot—Chinese arriving from Port Arthur state that a battle was fought June 9, within seven miles of the inner forts of Port Arthur. The Japanese fleet supported the Japanese army from the east coast of Liao Tung peninsula.

FIGHT AT SIN YEN.

Japs Exposed to Galling Fire Make Russians Retreat.

St. Petersburg, June 11—The Associated Press correspondent describing the fight at Sin Yen says the Japanese moved on the Russian position in close formation, and were met by a well directed artillery fire, and forced to retire with heavy loss. Meanwhile the Japanese infantry advanced upon a hill occupied by Cossacks. The Japanese carried the position after a two hours' fight, but the Russian artillery being turned on them they were forced to flee. A Japanese mountain battery enveloped the Russian flank and after a sharp artillery duel, the Japanese artillery was silenced and followed out of range by Russian shells. The Japanese finally turned the Cossack position on the hill east of Sin Yen and the Russians retired to the Hail Chen road.

Lost Prominent Commander.

Vafangow, June 11—The Japanese lost prominent commander in the last fight according to reports from Chinese sources and they are displaying signs of despair. There is no sickness among Russian troops.

INFERNAL MACHINE STORY

Is Denied by the Officials at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, June 11—Inquiries made in official quarters regarding the statement that two infernal machines were found at Tarkoeroel police station, showed a negative denial of its truth.

The Associated Press bears that General Kuroptkin is reversing Gen.

Kuroptkin's flanking movement north to Salmatza by sending troops from Mukden to turn Kuroptkin's right wing. Army reserve men at St. Petersburg are being called out today.

A rumor is current at the admiralty that the Japanese battleship Yamashita is on the rocks near Port Arthur.

The

Yamashita



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PAY HONORS TO THE DEAD

Woodmen Held Annual Memorial Service At Greenwood On Sunday.

AN ADDRESS BY REV. VAN CLEVE

The Mystery and the Meaning Found In Life.

The Woodmen Memorial day which was held Sunday was one of the most successful ever held in Decatur. There were large turn out of the members of the various camps and their friends. Before going to the cemetery there was a parade about the city in which the teams and a number of members of Decatur camp and Eastern camp participated. Roe camp not taking part in the exercises. The teams from these camps were in the parade and each was followed by a large delegation of spectators. A number of Royal Neighbors rode in carriages. The Goodman band led the parade to the cemetery where the program was carried on which was published in Sunday's Herald.

Rev. Van Cleve's Address.

The address of Rev. J. V. Van Cleve of the Grace Methodist church was an excellent one and greatly enjoyed by the large crowd of friends and members who had gathered.

In part Mr. Van Cleve said:

"We stand today in the presence of the manifold mystery of life, in which all other mysteries are wrapped up. Our very surroundings speak to us. We have come out of the limits of our walled structures into the open air and under the open sky and have become a part of the universe. Before us stretches the great world God has given us to live in, and speaks to us of great things. When a scene-painter fills cheap paint on recklessly with a whitewash brush, we know that he is working for something cheap, but when he uses his finest colors with greatest care, we know that he is preparing for something great while. So when we see with how great pains this world of ours has been so far perfected, we can not help believing that it forms the scenery for something that is worth while to infinite wisdom."

But here is something that fat outclasses all the worth of the world.

This living assemblage of men and

women, none other, is of more value than

all the glory of the earth. This is the

soul of the mystery. Men and

women, the whole. Here is

one man from infamy to the

highest honor; here are all varieties of

experience, joy and grief, ease and

burden and no two experiences the

same; here are almost every condition

in life, and almost every gradation in

character, and as we look upon it all

we are baffled and oppressed by its

greatness and solemnity."

"Are the world and life on the whole good or evil? Are not our lives one constant struggle?" We do not suffer excruciating pangs of body and far more agonizing distresses of the mind; "there is not a bright upon much of

our life until the tenderest possi-

bilities of our lives become agencies

of its most fearful falls and degradations.

What is the meaning of it all?

Whither does the current bear us?

Is there any meaning or end or is life

simply an aimless struggle? These

questions we can not put aside and can

not answer. Our deepest thinking

leaves the mystery unsolved. But we

may find here and there a hint to give

us courage and possibly some direc-

tion for the way.

ONE TIME A SECTION HAND.

Gaskill, the Carnival Man, Had Varied Experience.

Frank Gaskill, the well known car-

nival man, announcement of whose

death was made a few days ago, has a

remarkable career. This man, who,

when he died, was preparing to launch

his own amusement stock company,

started in life as a railroad section

foreman.

Mr. Gaskill was born in Alliance, O.

forty-five years ago. When he was

15 years of age his father died and the

support of a large family, 10 brothers

and sisters, devolved upon young Gaskill.

At the time he was employed in

grading coal for a railroad run-

ing out of Alliance. The son took up

the work where the father left off and

pushed it to a successful completion.

Before he reached the age of 21 he

engaged in the grocery business.

The establishment was small enough at first

but in a few years the future show-

man was the leading merchant of his

native town. At one time he con-

trolled the leading grocery business,

a bakery, an ice cream factory, a

plant and a fish market and is said

of him that in every line of business he

always managed to keep a little ahead

of his competitors. Finally he added

an open house to his list of enter-

prises and managed several big at-

tractions through a circuit of Ohio

towns. In 1898 he became the prop-

erty owner of a big hotel in Canton, O.

It was while in Canton that he conceived

the idea of a circuit of street fairs.

He organized the Canton Carnival com-

pany and for two seasons worked in

a circuit of twenty cities while wise

men scoffed, jeered and predicted fail-

ure but an innovation in the amuse-

ment world had been launched and

within a short time there were many

imitations. In 1901 Mr. Gaskill formed

a partnership with P. J. Mundy.

Soon he controlled the Gaskill-Mundy-Carnival

company. In 1903 the former broke all pre-

vious records for a concern of its kind.

At the end of that year the partner-

ships were dissolved and the Gaskill

Carnival company came into life

which Mrs. Ripley left in care of

a neighboring farmer when she moved

back to Sullivan.

Recently she received a draft for

\$150 as part of the proceeds of her

cattle and was paid \$150.

Condor cashed the draft and dis-

appeared.

Investigation proves that Condor

went to Mattoon to have a good time.

He was seen on the streets by ac-

quaintances the day after he left Sul-

livan. Since then there has been no

trace of him.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Harvey Holt.

Mrs. Harvey Holt died at 4:30 a.m.

Monday, June 13, at her residence, 512

North Wilt street, aged 26 years.

She is survived by five children.

The funeral will be announced later.

Newell M. Green.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Rehfeld.

The funeral of Mrs. Harry Rehfeld

was held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday after-

noon from the home of her uncle,

Rolla Dills, 645 East Washington street.

Rev. F. B. Jones conducted the ser-

vices. There was a large attendance.

The burial was at Mt. Gillett ceme-

tery.

C. T. Warfield.

The funeral of the late C. T. War-

field was held Monday afternoon from

the First Presbyterian church. The

services were conducted by Rev. W.

H. Penhalligan and the members of

Macon Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.

W. A. Morris and A. W. Knapp and

wife.

Rev. John and wife, John and wife,

John and wife, John and wife,